The Srinagar Composite Power Project which includes the Srinagar H.E. Project has been sanctioned an amount of 350 million US dollars loan by the World Bank.

Review on the success achieved by Khadi and Village Industries

1457. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any review on the success achieved on the coverage of Khadi and Village Industries during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, what was the target set and achievement made so far;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to raise the coverage during the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. It was reviewed in the All India Industry Ministers' Conference held on 8-7-1989 at New Delhi.

(b) (i) Seventh Plan Target—From 1.50 lakh villages to 2.00 lakh villages.

(ii) Achievement—2.10 lakh villages by 1988-89.

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. The All India Industry Ministers' Conference has endorsed the suggestion that additional 1.50 lakh villages should be covered by KVIC in the Eighth Plan by adoption of cluster approach wherever appropriate.

Sick industries in the country

1458. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of sick industries in the country at present;

(b) what are the main reasons of their sickness;

(c) whether Government propose to take over some of the sick industries, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHR M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The data on sick industrial units in the country is maintained by Reserve Bank of India. As per the latest data available from them, there were 1119 sick industrial units in Non-SSI Sector and 2,04,259 sick units in the SSI Sector as at the end of December, 1987.

(b) A number of causes, both internal and external often operating in combination have been responsible for industrial sickness. Some of the principal causes are faulty planning, management deficiencies, inefficient financial control, diversion of resources, inadequate attention to R&D(obsolescence of technology and machinery, poor industrial relations, inadequate demand, shortage of raw materials and other inputs and infrastructural constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The general policy of the Government is not to take over/nationalise sick and non-viable units so that the scarce resources could be employed for setting up viable and more efficient new units.

Outstanding dues of State Electricity Boards and NTPC towards BHEL

1459. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that dues are outstanding against verious State Electricity Boards as well as NTPC towards BHEL; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The various State Electricity Boards owe Rs. 355 crores to BHEL. NTPC owes Rs. 50 crores to the Company.

Application for industrial projects from APIDC

1460. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any application from the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation is pending clearance from the Central Government;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) what are the proposed projects submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Coporation and what are the hindrances in their clearance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Refund of deposits by the scooter companies

1461. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Lohia Machines, M/s. Apollo Scooters and M/s. Scooters India Ltd. are not making refund of deposits to their customers promptly upon cancellation of bookings;

(b) whether Government are aware that these companies are infact making part payment of the actual dues to customers after delay of years and that too wihout interest as promised at the time of receiving deposits from customers;

(c) what is the number of customers, who cancelled their bookings before 31st July, 1988 with each of the aforesaid companies, but could not get their complete dues till 30th October, 1988; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against these companies for harassing the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Government have been receiving complaints against certain manufacturers regarding undue delay in the refund of deposits on cancellation of bookings. Most of these complaints relate to M/s. LML Limited. The company has reported that since January, 1987, they have been able to issue only part refund orders, constituting Rs. 206 of the principal amount along with the applicable interest at 7 per cent for the term of booking and at the rate of 11 per cent for the period of delay, in certain cases. The company has denied that they have made any refund without payment of applicable interest.

(c) M/s. LML Limited have reported that they received 3,68,450 cancellation requests between 1-1-87 to 31-7-88. Out of these, part refund orders constituting Rs. 200 of the principal amount with the applicable interest have been issued in respect of 95,426 cancellation requests. The number of customers who have not received any refund as on 30-10-1988 is 2,73,024.

The number of customers who cancelled their bookings with M/s. Scooters India Ltd., before 31.7.88, but could not get their dues as on 30.10.88, is 7,753.

(d) The acceptance of advance money against booking is considered a contractual obligation between the customer and the company. However with a view to